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WORST FLOOD IN CITY'S HISTORY

Heavy Rains and Rapidly Melting Snow Cause Pine to Overflow Its Banks.

LARGE AMOUNT OF DAMAGE

Bridges Flooded and Damaged and Many Homes in City Were Surrounded by Water.

The first of this week Alma was visited by the worst flood in the memory of even the oldest inhabitant, and no available records speak of a time when the waters of Pine river reached a higher level than they did Monday night.

Starting with a heavy rain on Saturday, on a snow covered ground, the river started to rise, the river stage at 7:00 a. m. Saturday being just three feet. Sunday morning at 7:00 it had reached 8.5 feet and at 4 p. m. had raised to 10 feet. During Sunday night there was a noticeable drop, and Monday morning the river was at 9.2 feet. At 6:00 p. m. it had gone back to 10.6 feet, thus reaching the high point of the flood of three years ago. At 9:00 p. m. it had raised to 11.4 feet and an hour later was at 12.1 feet. At this time the flood had reached its crest and then started to slowly recede. At 11:00 p. m. it was just 12 feet. Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock it had dropped to 11 feet, and during the day the waters receded rapidly.

It was not until late Monday that any serious flood was expected, as no great rise had come during the early hours of the day. In the afternoon it came up rapidly, forcing the waters out of the bed of the river into the surrounding districts. The waters went over the race embankments, and in spots cut them up badly.

Early in the evening of Monday the State street and Woodworth avenue bridges were impassable, and late Monday evening, it was deemed advisable to stop traffic on the East Superior bridge over which the water was then pouring in torrents.

As the waters started to rise many of the homes in the low districts near the river became surrounded by the muddy water, which also started to back up in many of the basements in the business districts and in hundreds of homes throughout the city. As it continued to rise scores of homes along River street, near the foot of Gratiot, near the creek on Prospect, and on Park avenue were entirely surrounded.

Tuesday because of the high water, which flooded the basements of the schools so that no fires could be built, the public schools were dismissed.

Ely street near the retaining wall, State street near the State street bridge and Woodworth avenue near the Woodworth avenue bridge, were badly cut up by the swift current, causing a damage that will run into hundreds of dollars alone. Both the State street and Woodworth avenue bridges were badly damaged, and will need some extensive repairs.

It is almost impossible to estimate the extent of the damage from the flood. The various residents of the city, whose homes were surrounded by water all suffered. Many of these lost flocks of chickens, which are costly at present. The merchants, whose basements were flooded, nearly all had losses. The city has sustained a big loss, and The Alma Grain & Lumber company has sustained big damages from the flood.

Early Monday evening the pumping station was flooded, so that the city was left practically without fire protection. The pump at the plant of the Central Michigan Light & Power company, which is connected with the mains, was set going, however, and gave Alma a little water pressure during the night. The Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., which had three large pump fire trucks completed and ready for shipment got them ready for instant use in case of fire, and would have been able to have rendered valuable assistance to the city, had a fire taken place.

GETS JUDGEMENT

Must Not Hit Dentist Even If You Feel That It Should Be Done.

Few are the people who have visited a dentist but what have had a desire to strike him without getting out of his office, but listen—it must not be done. At least that is what the jury decided in the case of Dr. Maynard Pringle, who brought a civil damage suit against a little occurrence said to have taken place in Dr. Pringle's office a little over a year ago.

After the jury had listened to the various lines of evidence which were advanced, regarding the blow which was said to have been struck, it retired and shortly thereafter brought in a verdict in favor of Dr. Pringle, estimating his damages at \$300.00, which would indicate that no matter how strongly one feels, a dentist may after all have some rights, although he does wait upon the public at large.

DeLuxe ice cream.—77-tf-e.

REPUBLIC MINSTRELS

Annual Show Will Be Given March 31 and April 1.

The Republic's annual minstrel show for the benefit of the Republic Athletic association will be held this year on Monday and Tuesday, March 31 and April 1, and promises to be far better than the show of last year, which proved to be one of the best home talent shows ever given in the city.

Of Bill Nye, Jerry Otto, and a few of the other happy-go-lucky employees of the Republic, famous for their wit and humor, have been roped in and given prominent parts in the coming show, furnishing sure indications that it will be a scream from start to finish. Clever specialties will be given during the evening.

The club has made arrangements to secure the high school auditorium for the big event, and is planning on having a full house for each night of the big show.

The proceeds will go to the Republic Athletic association for the high grade base ball team which is to be turned out this summer.

LUCHINI PURCHASES

THE CREASER BLOCK

Proprietor of Fruit and Candy Store Bought Building to Secure New Location.

It has become known within the past few days that the P. W. Creaser block on East Superior street has been sold by Mr. Creaser to Floyd Luchini, owner of the Luchini fruit store here.

It is the intention of Mr. Luchini to move his store from the present quarters to the newly purchased block at the earliest possible moment, but just how soon this will be has not yet been announced. It is understood that the present occupant of the store, the J. A. Gerhardt Dry Goods Co., has not yet been able to secure other quarters, and it is possible that it will be some weeks before Mr. Luchini can move the store to the new location.

It is his intention to remodel the store somewhat, to meet the requirements of his business, and in doing so, give Alma a first-class fruit and candy store.

Being unable to get improvements made in and about the present location, which might allow him to give Alma a better store, he cast about for a new location, and finding nothing available was forced to purchase to acquire a store where his business might be carried on to the better satisfaction of the public.

It is expected that the present tenants of the second floor will continue their offices there for the time being at least, these being Mr. Creaser, J. W. Robinson and George H. Carl.

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting of Union Telephone Company Held Here Yesterday.

At the annual meeting of the Union telephone company held at the Wright House parlors yesterday afternoon 94,048 of the 100,000 shares of the company were represented.

The directors of the company elected for the coming year were C. T. Babcock of St. Johns, J. H. Fildev of Pontiac, J. T. Millman of St. Johns, W. A. Bahke of Alma, F. G. Theirs of Mt. Pleasant, E. O. Dewey of Owosso, J. E. Grow of Ovid, J. B. Crawford of Ithaca, J. B. Chapin of St. Johns, L. L. Conn of Owosso, H. L. Kirkland of Lakeview, and A. M. Bentley of Owosso.

Following the election of directors, the directors met and elected the officers for the coming year. Those elected were the same as those who held office last year. The officers followed: President, C. T. Babcock of St. Johns; vice president, J. H. Fildev of Pontiac; secretary, E. O. Dewey of Owosso; treasurer, J. B. Chapin of St. Johns; general manager, W. J. Melchers of Owosso.

INCREASE CAPACITY

X-Cel-All Company Increases Capacity of Alma Paint Plant.

During the past week the capacity of the X-Cel-All Paint company of this city has been practically doubled with a view of meeting the increased demands which the company is expecting for this product during the coming season.

A new grinder and two new mixing machines have been installed, which have sufficient capacity to almost double the output of the concern, and give the promise of making this Alma concern assume a still more prominent place among the industries of which this city boasts.

Saturday a meeting of the field agents of the company for the Saginaw district was held at Saginaw. The addresses of the various agents, who were present from various sections of the territory indicate that they are looking forward to a highly successful year.

EZRA ROBINSON DEAD

Ezra Robinson, a pioneer resident of this city, and a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home on Grant avenue yesterday, following a long illness. He was 73 years of age. It is understood that the funeral will be held at the M. E. church Friday afternoon. Obituary next week.

CITY NOMINEES GIVEN BANQUET

Republic Circle Club Host to Men Who Are Seeking Office in Alma this Spring.

FUTURE OF CITY OF ALMA

This Idea Was Dominating Feature of Affair at Which Candidates Gave Views.

With the praiseworthy view of dispelling any doubts that there might be in regarding the desire of the employees of the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., and the company itself being a part of Alma and having the welfare of Alma close to their hearts for the mutual benefit of all, the circle club of the company Thursday evening entertained the various candidates for the city offices this spring, the present officials of the city and the newspapermen.

Following a delightful repast, cigars were passed around, and then with H. C. Carter, acting as toastmaster the various candidates were called upon for short addresses as to the future of Alma, that the members might gain an idea of the men, whom they thought best suited to conduct the affairs of Alma during the coming two years.

Every need of the city, from good streets and paving, sidewalks, sewers, pure well water, parks, etc., was gone into by the various men, upon whom will fall the heavy duty of bringing Alma to the front municipally during the coming two years, under the commission form of government.

J. D. Spinnery, city attorney, and Carl E. Gallagher, city clerk, were called upon first, the former regarding the charter and the latter regarding the making and filing of petitions for improvements, such as sidewalks. The kind-hearted toastmaster did not even put the gag upon the newspaper men, who were called upon for their views of the future.

The pressing need which Alma has for new and modern houses was taken up by George Ogden of the company, called upon by the toastmaster. It was impressed upon the guests strongly and agitation for a building campaign will probably result.

BUY OUT COMPANY

George S. Blisch of the Michigan Fuel company and W. E. Hyman, who for the past three years has been in the employ of Bartling & Holmes of this city, have purchased a coal company at Mt. Pleasant, and have established a branch there of the Michigan Fuel company.

Mr. Blisch, one of the founders of the Little Rock Coal company, and at the present time the owner of the Michigan Fuel company, has been meeting with a marked success in this business. Mr. Hyman is known as a capable business man and it is expected that the two men will make the Mt. Pleasant company one of the best known fuel companies here within a short space of time.

The men will do a wholesale and retail business at Mt. Pleasant along the same lines with which the Michigan Fuel company has been meeting with such success locally.

NINE RETURN

Four of This Number of Gratiot Men Back Are Alma Boys.

Last Friday nine Gratiot county lads returned from Europe on various transports which docked at various Atlantic ports, among whom were four young men from this city.

Those from Alma who returned from blood stained Europe were Franklin R. Zinn, John Hilsinger, John L. Fowler and Chester Longworthy.

Those from other places in the county who returned were Alonzo L. Halliwell of Elm Hall, William Daniels of St. Louis, Fred C. Barnhard of St. Louis, Fred B. Newton of Pompeii and Homer G. Longworthy of Elwell.

MACCALLUM-MOHR LECTURES

E. Frank MacCallum-Mohr gave a lecture on a new burdensome tax system Wednesday evening at the city hall to a well filled house. The points advanced were very forcibly put and the questions were answered in a masterful manner. Those attending were so impressed by the lecture that Mr. MacCallum-Mohr has been prevailed upon to give another lecture on the same subject Friday evening, March 21. Mr. MacCallum-Mohr is a very forceful talker and the subject, which is very interesting, was well handled.

STATE TAX SALES

The Alma Record this week publishes the state tax sales for Gratiot county, which will be found on another page of the paper. Residents of the county will find some information among the sale notices, which may be of interest to them.

Sh! Are you a husband suffering with a wife? Watch Patty get rid of his'n.—"Camping Out," Idle hour, Thursday.—adv.

Michigan grown spring wheat, extra quality for 1919 seedling, \$2.45. Alma Grain & Lumber Co. 87-4f-c.

GOOD TEAM

Republic Athletic Club is Expecting Strong Outfit this Year.

That the Republic athletic club is figuring on one of the strongest semi-professional teams in the state this year is being made evident daily, as the club continues to acquire the services of some of the better known ball players of the state and country.

Efforts are still being made to bring some high class ball players to Alma, to round out the strongest team that has ever represented an institution in this city. Among the men that the club has so far closed with are DeVogt, formerly with the Cleveland Americans, Toledo and Milwaukee American Association teams; Onstvedt of the White Sox and Red Sox, and also with Minneapolis Western league for five years; Burt Tooley, three years with the Brooklyn National league team and also with the Jersey City nine previously to that time; Chilton of the Saginaw and Jackson South Michigan league teams; Bowen of the South Michigan league, and Don Bell and Rynearson, former Ypsi Normal stars. Powers and Carlson, at Ypsi now, will probably also come to Alma when the Normal closes. Most of these men are to report at Alma April 1. Bell has already arrived.

A number of men from the factory will also get out for the team, including Tom Bates, "Dutch" Hoyt, Archer and Hayes.

It is the intention of the club to fence in its diamond on Michigan avenue this year and to put the field into far better shape than it was a year ago.

HIGH SCHOOL TO GIVE OPERETTA

Japanese Play to be Given for the Benefit of Piano Fund by A. H. S. Chorus.

The Princess Chrysanthemum, a Japanese operetta in three acts, will be given at the high school auditorium on Thursday, March 27, at 8:00 p. m. The operetta will be under the direction of Miss Mae Jones, and the proceeds will go to the piano fund of the school.

Following is the cast for the play and the synopsis:

Princess Chrysanthemum, the emperor's daughter—Virginia Sawkins. To-To, Yum-Yum, Du-Du, Tu-Lip, (Maids attendant on the princess)—Ruth Schultz, Girdenden Breese, Mabel Bradford, Mildred Carner.

Fairy Moonbeam, the princess' good genius—Lucille Baum.

The Emperor, What-for-Whi, a treacherous monarch—Frank Notes.

Prince So-So, Prince So-Sli (in love with the Princess)—Ward Leonard, Donald Dunham.

Top-Nut, the court chamberlain—Dale Grover.

Saucer-Eyes, the wizard cat—Henry Holland.

Sprites of the Night, Courtiers, Populace, Attendants, Fairies, etc. Synopsis.

A great fete is being held in honor of the coming of age of the emperor's daughter, Princess Chrysanthemum. She is loved by Prince So-So, who seeks the aid of Saucer-Eyes, the wizard cat, who carries off the princess to the cave of Inky Night, leaving the emperor and Prince So-So distracted at her strange disappearance.

Princess Chrysanthemum, imprisoned in the cave of Inky Night, with the aid of a magic ring summons the Fairy Moonbeam, who is about to help her when she drops the ring and cannot find it. Fairy Moonbeam disappears at the loss of the ring, and the unhappy princess is left to bewail her fate. Prince So-So manages to obtain entrance to the cave, and finds the ring, which at once causes Fairy Moonbeam to return and aid him. At this moment the emperor arrives with his attendants, and takes Saucer-Eyes prisoner, bearing him in triumph to his palace.

Threatened with torture, Saucer-Eyes confesses the complicity of Prince So-Sli, whom the emperor orders to instant execution. This is, however, frustrated by the appearance of Princess Chrysanthemum, accompanied by Prince So-So and Fairy Moonbeam with her band. The emperor pardons Saucer-Eyes and So-Sli at the princess' request and gives her hand in marriage to Prince So-So, thus bringing everything to a happy conclusion.

MISSIONARY WORKER COMING

On Wednesday, March 26, the Methodist Home Missionary auxiliary will be visited by the National Field Worker, Miss C. K. Swartz, from Washington, D. C. The women of the society have arranged a luncheon for 12:30 on that day, to which prominent Home Missionary workers from the St. Louis and Ithaca churches, have been invited. Miss Swartz will address the women in the afternoon on subjects of vital interest to all missionary workers, and in the evening give an address to which the public is most cordially invited, on the subject, "Americanism from a Field View." (Please consider yourself a publicity committee, and pass this news on to your neighbor.)

BOYER DEAD

Old Gratiot Settler Died at His Home West of Alma Friday.

Daniel Boyer, a well known old settler of Gratiot county, and veteran of the Civil war, died at his home five and one-half miles west of Alma Friday following an illness of only a few days.

With his parents he moved to Seville township, this county, in the spring of 1847. He was the father of six children, four sons and two daughters.

The funeral was held from the M. E. church at Elwell, Monday, March 17, at 2 p. m., conducted by Bishop C. L. Wood of this city. There was a large attendance at the funeral of the pioneer, in spite of the fact that the day was a stormy one, attesting the high esteem in which he was held.

Early last spring, fired with patriotism, this Civil war veteran, then very active in spite of his age, endeavored to enlist at the Alma recruiting office, and was very much put off, when the officer in charge refused to allow him to enlist.

Smoke the best, Wanigas.—64-tf

TO VOTE ON AMENDMENTS

Voters of State Will Be Given the Opportunity of Having Their Say.

BEER THE MOST IMPORTANT

Light Wines, Good Roads, and Salary Amendments Are the Three to Be Voted Upon.

At the election to be held in this city on Monday, April 7, there will be five ballots to be voted, the regular state ticket, and three proposed amendments to the constitution of the state. That the people of this city may have the opportunity of going over these various amendments carefully before election, The Record is publishing them this week. The amendments are known as the good roads amendment, the beer and wine amendment, and the extra compensation amendment. The amendments follow:

A proposed amendment to Section 10, Article X, of the Constitution, authorizing the State to borrow money to be used for highway purposes and issue bonds therefor, and to read as follows:

"Section 10. The state may contract debts to meet deficits in revenue, but such debts shall not in the aggregate at any time, exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars. The state may also contract debts to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the state or aid the United States in time of war. The money so raised shall be applied to the purposes for which it is raised or to the payment of the debts contracted. The state may borrow not to exceed fifty million dollars for the improvement of highways and pledge its credit, and issue bonds therefor on such terms as shall be provided by law."

The effect of this proposed amendment, if adopted, will be to provide that the state may borrow money for highway purposes and issue bonds therefor.

A proposed amendment to section 3, Article XVI, of the Constitution, to prohibit the increase or decrease of salaries of public officers, and to read as follows:

"Section 3. Neither the legislative nor any municipal authority shall grant or authorize extra compensation to any public officer, agent, employee or contractor after the service has been rendered, or the contract entered into. Salaries of public officers except Supreme Court justices, circuit court judges, probate judges and judges of courts of like jurisdiction, shall not be increased nor shall the salary of any public officer be decreased after election or appointment."

The effect of this proposed amendment, if adopted, will be to prohibit the change of salaries of public officers after appointment or election, except those of justices or judges of courts of record.

A proposed amendment to Article XVI, of the Constitution, by adding a section thereto to be known as Section 12, and to read as follows:

"Section 12. It shall be forever lawful in this State to import, transport, manufacture, use, buy, sell, keep for sale, give away, barter or furnish every kind of cider, wines, beer, ale and porter, and to possess the same in a private residence. So much of Section 11, Article XVI, of this Constitution as prohibits the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale, giving away, bartering or furnishing of vinous, malt, brewed or fermented liquors, is hereby repealed. The legislature by general laws shall reasonably license the manufacture of, and reasonably license and regulate the sale and keeping for sale of vinous, malt, brewed or fermented liquors. Provided, however, that the electors of each city, village or township forever shall have the right to prohibit the manufacture, sale or keeping for sale of vinous, malt, brewed or fermented liquors within such city, village or township."

COMING HERE

Sarosky, Giant Pole, to Wrestle with Ernie Fenby Soon.

Sarosky of Detroit, the well known giant Polish wrestler, has been secured to meet Ernest Fenby on March 28, at the Alma roller rink, under the auspices of the Republic Athletic association.

Sarosky is said to be the best wrestler to appear in Detroit this year, and so far is the only man who has been able to take the measure of the much talked of Demetral.

Forfeit money has been posted by Sarosky to appear here, so that the match is certain to take place, and he has agreed to be in Alma on the day before the match. He will be accompanied by Eddie Barrett, his manager.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe.—77-tf-e

DROWNED SUNDAY

Three Members of One Family Are Drowned Near Ithaca.

Dayton Fiddler, aged about thirty years, and his two young sons, who live between Ithaca and Breckenridge, were drowned early Sunday afternoon in the waters of Beaver creek, which had been swollen by the heavy rains and the rapidly melting snow.

One of the lads had been complaining of a toothache and Mr. Fiddler started to go to Breckenridge with him and the other lad to see a dentist. Just as they were leaving the farm home the horse ached, and backed the buggy into the swollen, swiftly flowing waters of the creek, and the man and boys were thrown from the buggy into the cold waters. Mrs. Fiddler watching them from the front window of the Fiddler home as they left, saw the accident when it took place and was forced to watch her husband and two sons drown.

Searchers were quickly called and the hunt for the bodies began, but during the day only the body of the husband was recovered. The body of one son was recovered yesterday. The other had not been located up to this morning.

TO HOLD FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT ITHACA

Gratiot County Farmers' Institute Will Be Held Tuesday, March 25, at Armory.

The Gratiot County Farmers' institute will be held at the armory in Ithaca, on Tuesday, March 25, for which a program has been arranged which promises to bring many important messages to the farmers of the county.

Among the addresses to be given at the meeting will be one by J. C. Ketchum, a speaker of national reputation. Mrs. Dora Stockman, candidate for the state board of agriculture, is also on the program as one of the prominent speakers at the meeting. Among the well known residents of the county, who will make addresses are Chas. Vandewater, J. B. Miller, Merlin Hamilton, and Mrs. Agnes R. Cass. The program follows:

10:00 o'clock a. m.—Music, Edison Diamond Disc.

Paper—"What is the Farmers' Shipping Association Doing for the Farmer?" J. B. Miller.

Paper—"Importance of Farm Organization." Chas. Vandewater.

Question for open discussion—"Is it Wise to Endorse the 'Good Roads Bonding Proposition?'"

Intermission—12:00 to 1:00 o'clock. 1:00 o'clock p. m.—Music, Edison Diamond Disc.

Talk—"War Experiences at the Front by One of the Boys Who has been Over the Top." Merlin Hamilton. Song by Ted Kress.

Paper—"Carry On!" Mrs. Agnes Cass.

Address—Mrs. Dora Stockman, state speaker.

Address by J. C. Ketchum.

LOSE TITLE

Crippled College Basketball Team Lost Two Games.

The Alma college basketball team, crippled by the loss of Crittenden who was suffering from blood poisoning and Nesbit who was suffering from a badly sprained wrist, was defeated in the final games of the Michigan Intercollegiate season last week and lost the championship to Kalamazoo college, after leading the race the entire season. It was hard luck rather than superior ability that cost the title.

At Adrian the Alma five played a wonderful brand of basketball, in spite of the crippled condition of the team. Early in the game Anderson was going in good shape, but when Little suffered a broken leg, Anderson became unnerved and his play weakened. Alma went to defeat in this game 27 to 20. Twenty fouls were called on the Alma team and 12 on the Adrian five.

On Saturday night with still a chance to tie the Kalamazoo college by defeating Hillsdale, the crippled team went out from its exertions in Adrian the previous night, was in no shape for a hard game, and finally lost by a score of 21 to 20.

Every man on the team played his best in the two games and they have no excuses to offer that the title did not come to Alma, except that hard luck robbed the five of two of its most able players, right at the critical stage of the season.

WOMAN'S CLUB ELECT

The Woman's club unanimously elected the following officers for the coming year:

President, Miss Caroleen Robinson. Vice president, Mrs. H. H. Soule. Sec'y-treas., Mrs. D. L. Johnson. Auditor, Mrs. Chas. Ward. Cor. Sec'y, Mrs. Geo. Moore. Delegate to Federation, Mrs. F. N. Notestein.

Alternate delegate, Mrs. F. E. Polasky.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe.—77-tf-e

SCHULTZ RESIGNS AS SCHOOL HEAD

After Five Years in Alma He Will Seek New Fields of Educational Endeavor.

MADE FINE RECORD HERE

Reputation of Alma Public Schools Under His Charge Aided in Increased Attendance.

After five years of success as superintendent of the Alma public schools, A. F. Schultz has resigned his position, the resignation effective at the close of the current school year. He has not yet decided where he will go this coming year, but expects to settle upon that question very shortly.

During the time that he has been superintendent of the Alma public schools, they have grown with great rapidity, and have enjoyed a reputation that has brought many from outside of Alma to receive at least their high school education in this city.

Before coming to Alma Mr. Schultz was superintendent of schools at Chesaning and at Howell, and as he left both of those cities was offered a substantial increase in salary to remain, which speaks of the good work which he had been doing in educational lines before coming to Alma.

Since the time that he came to Alma he has seen the teaching force of the public schools grow from twenty-seven instructors to forty-six, and seen the attendance grow from about 800 to almost 1,900, or far more than double what it was five years ago. He has seen the erection of temporary schools, to relieve congested conditions in the three principal buildings, and this past year has had the supervision of the construction of a new \$50,000 ward school, known as the Republic school.

During the time that he has been superintendent here, military drill has been added, together with physical culture, giving all of the young men of the high school a valuable course in training, which some were not acquiring from school athletics.

Not only has he seen these things come to pass while the head of the Alma schools, but he has seen the efficiency of the schools kept up, this during a period of rapid growth and congestion, when the work naturally would be much harder to do. Only this last year the schools were examined and placed upon the University of Michigan approved list for another three years and also on the approved list of the North Central association of colleges and secondary schools.

During the period of the war he also aided greatly in this work. He was active in the sale of war savings stamps in the public schools, was one of the members of the local war activities board and one of the four minute men for the Liberty Loans.

His work here has been well done, and it has gained him many friends who regret exceedingly to see him leave.

AUCTION SALES

Geo. E. Sharrar and Leo Gee

The George E. Sharrar and Leo Gee sale of registered shorthorns, which was postponed last week because of the weather conditions, has now been set for Friday, March 28, and will be held at the Pioneer farm, southwest of this city. Twenty valuable registered shorthorns will be offered at this sale.

John R. Bateman

On account of ill health John R. Bateman will sell at his farm 3½ miles south and ½ mile west of Alma on Friday, March 21, of horses, 2 mules, 4 head of cattle, hogs, poultry, and farm implements. Sale will start at 9:00 a. m. Usual terms. J. D. Helman, auctioneer.

A. C. and James Hanes

A. C. and James Hanes will offer for sale